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CIVIL AVIATION
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INTRODUCTION OF NEW FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce new internatiional air service from Kolokata Airport to Singapore, Tokyo and Bangkok; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b): Operation of international air services from any airport is a matter of commercial judgement of the concerned airlines. Government grants the traffic rights for such services during bilateral talks with different countries at regular interval. Kolkata is already available as point of call to Singapore and Thailand. Japan has not requested for the same. Presently Singapore Airline is directly connecting Kolkata with Singapore. Besides RoyalBrunei Airlines are also operating on Brunei-Singapore-Kolkata-Dubaivv sector. Kolkata is also connected to Bangkok by Air India, Indian Airlines and ThaiAirways. Air India was operating to Tokyo from Kolkata prior to March, 2000. However these flights were found to be commerically unviable because of insufficient traffic.